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**§1. Introduction**

We study the numerical method for solving the stiff initial value problem

$$\dot{y} = f(x, y), y(x_0) = y_0.$$

The method which we propose is the variable coefficients Runge-Kutta methods (abbreviated as R-K methods);

$$\begin{aligned} y_{n+1} &= y_n + h \sum_{i=1}^r b_i k_i, \\ k_1 &= f(x_n, y_n), \\ k_i &= f(x_n + c_i h, y_n + h \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij} k_j), \\ c_i &= \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij}, \quad (i = 2, \dots, r). \end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

**§2. Derivation of Methods for a single equation of the first order**

In this section, we consider two-stage first order Runge-Kutta formulae.

1-st order condition of (1.1) is

$$\sum_i b_i = 1. \tag{2.1}$$

Let us now apply the 2-stage first order R-K methods (1.1) to the test function

$$\dot{y} = \lambda y, \quad \operatorname{Re}(\lambda) < 0, \tag{2.2}$$

we have

$$y_{n+1} = (1 + z + b_2 a_{21} z^2) y_n, \quad (z = h\lambda). \tag{2.3}$$

If we set the coefficient  $b_2 a_{21}$  in the form

$$b_2 a_{21} = \frac{1}{1 - z + z^2}, \tag{2.4}$$

then (2.3) reduces to

$$y_{n+1} = \frac{1}{1 - z + z^2} y_n. \tag{2.5}$$

which is an A-stable algorithm.

In determining the coefficients from the order condition (2.1), we set  $b_2$  as a free parameter defined in the form

$$b_2 a_{21} = \frac{y_n}{y_n - 3hk_1 + 2hk_2}. \tag{2.6}$$

It is easily seen that the value of (2.6) applied to the test function (2.2) is the same as that of (2.4). Solving order condition (2.1) with (2.6), we have the coefficients

$$b_2 = \frac{y_n}{a_{21}(y_n - 3hk_1 + 2hk_2)}, \quad b_1 = 1 - b_2, \quad a_{21} : \text{free parameter}. \tag{2.7}$$

§3. Numerical integration for s-systems of equations of the first order

We consider numerical integration for s-systems differential equation;

$$\dot{Y} = F(Y), \tag{3.1}$$

with

$$Y = ({}^1y, {}^2y, \dots, {}^s y), F(Y) = ({}^1f(Y), {}^2f(Y), \dots, {}^sf(Y)).$$

We consider r-stage explicit R-K methods for s-systems equation (3.1)

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^l y_{(n+1)} &= {}^l y_n + h \sum_{i=1}^r b_i {}^l k_i, \\
 {}^l k_1 &= {}^l f(x_n, {}^1 y_n, {}^2 y_n, \dots, {}^s y_n), \\
 {}^l k_i &= {}^l f(x_n + c_i h, {}^1 y_n + \sum_{i+1}^{j-1} a_{i,j} {}^1 k_i, \dots, {}^q y_n + \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} a_{i,j} {}^q k_j), \quad (l = 1, 2, \dots, s),
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.2}$$

${}^l b_i$ : varies in each steps and with the component-wise.

Introducing the vector notations

$$Y_n = ({}^1 y_n, {}^2 y_n, \dots, {}^s y_n), B_i = \text{diag}[{}^1 b_i, {}^2 b_i, \dots, {}^s b_i], K_i = [{}^1 k_i, {}^2 k_i, \dots, {}^s k_i] \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, s-1),$$

we may write (3.2) in the form;

$$Y_{n+1} = Y_n + \sum_{i=1}^{s-1} B_i K_i. \tag{3.3}$$

As the same reason stated in §2, we may set the coefficients  ${}^i b_2 a_{21}$  of  $i$ -th component in the form

$${}^i b_2 a_{21} = \frac{{}^i y_n}{{}^i y_n - 3h{}^i k_1 + 2h{}^i k_2}. \tag{3.4}$$

From order condition (2.1) with (3.4), we have the coefficients of  $i$ -th component in the forms

$${}^i b_2 a_{21} = \frac{{}^i y_n}{{}^i y_n - 3h{}^i k_1 + 2h{}^i k_2}, \quad {}^i b_1 = 1 - {}^i b_2, \quad a_{21}; \text{ free parameter}. \tag{3.5}$$

The stability results for system equation based on the test function (2.2) can not to be wattertight when applied to the variable coefficient methods, so it is essential to use  $\dot{Y} = AY$  as test function, and not  $\dot{y} = \lambda y$ . We state by attacking the simple matrix A defined by

$$\dot{Z} = \Lambda Z \quad \text{with} \quad \Lambda = HAH^{-1} \quad \text{for some } H \quad \text{and} \quad \Lambda = \text{diag}\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_s\}. \tag{3.6}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \dot{Y} = AY & \xrightarrow{Z=HY} & \dot{Z} = \Lambda Z \\
 \downarrow & \text{numerical integration} & \downarrow \\
 Y_n & \xrightarrow{\hspace{2cm}} & Z_n
 \end{array}$$

Clearly the numerical processes  $\{Z_n\}$  derived by (3.2) with (3.5) is stable on the above diagram, the transformation  $\tilde{Z}_n = HY_n$  does not equivalent to the numerical processes  $Z_n$ . We study the stability of numerical processes  $\tilde{Z}_n$  on the most simple differential equation:

$$\dot{Y} = AY \quad \text{with} \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ q & p \end{pmatrix}, \quad (p + q < 0, p - q < 0). \tag{3.7}$$

Integrating the differential equation (3.7), we have

$$Y_{n+1} = (I + hA + h^2 CA^2)Y_n, \tag{3.8}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} {}^1y_{n+1} &= {}^1y_n + h(p {}^1y_n + q {}^2y_n) + h^2({}^1b_2a_{21}(p {}^1f_n + q {}^2f_n)), \\ {}^2y_{n+1} &= {}^2y_n + h(q {}^1y_n + p {}^2y_n) + h^2({}^2b_2a_{21}(q {}^1f_n + p {}^2f_n)), \\ {}^1f_n &= p {}^1y_n + q {}^2y_n, {}^2f_n = q {}^1y_n + p {}^2y_n, \\ {}^1b_2a_{21} &= \frac{{}^1y_n}{({}^1y_n - 3h {}^1k_1 + 2h {}^1k_2)}, \\ {}^2b_2a_{21} &= \frac{{}^2y_n}{({}^2y_n - 3h {}^2k_1 + 2h {}^2k_2)}. \end{aligned}$$

From (3.8), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{Z}_{n+1} &= \{I + h\Lambda + h^2(I - h\Lambda + (h\Lambda)^2)^{-1}\Lambda^2\}\tilde{Z}_n \\ &\quad + h^2H\{C - (I - hA + (hA)^2)\}A^2H^{-1}\tilde{Z}_n, \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

Setting  $K$  by

$$\begin{aligned} K &= I + h\Lambda + h^2\{I - h\Lambda + (h\Lambda)^2\}^{-1} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \lambda_2 + \lambda_2^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 - \lambda_1 + \lambda_1^2 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}, \\ \lambda_1 &= h(p + q), \lambda_2 = h(p - q) \end{aligned}$$

and  $Q_n$  by

$$\begin{aligned} Q_n &= H\{C - (I - hA + (hA)^2)\}^{-1}A^2H^{-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} (s_1 + s_2) & -(s_2 - s_1) \\ -(s_2 - s_1) & (s_1 + s_2) \end{pmatrix} - (I - h\Lambda + (h\Lambda)^2)^{-1}\Lambda^2, \\ (s_1 &= {}^1b_2a_{21}, s_2 = {}^2b_2a_{21}). \end{aligned}$$

We may write (3.9) in the form

$$\tilde{Z}_{n+1} = (K + Q_n)Z_n, \quad \tilde{Z}_1 = \Theta(\tau), \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots). \quad (3.10)$$

Using the standard technique, we obtain the following Lemmas.

**Lemma 1**

$$\tilde{Z}_{n+1} = K^n\Theta(\tau) + \sum_{\nu=0}^{n-1} K^{n-(\nu+1)}Q_\nu\tilde{Z}_\nu.$$

**Lemma 2**

$$\tilde{Z}_{n+1} = K^n\Theta(\tau) + \Pi_{\nu=0}^{n-1}S_{n-\nu}Q_0\Theta(\tau) + \sum_{\mu=1}^n (\Pi_{\nu=0}^\mu S_{n-\nu})(\Pi_{\nu=0}^\mu S_\nu^{-1})Q_\mu K^\mu$$

with  $S_\nu = K + Q_\nu$ ,

where  $S_\nu = S_\nu(r_1, r_2)$  and  $S_\nu(r_1, r_2) = K + Q(r_1(\nu), r_2(\nu))$  with

$$Q_\nu(r_1(\nu), r_2(\nu)) = \begin{pmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$c_{11} = p_1 + \frac{1}{1 - \lambda_1 + \lambda_1^2}, \quad c_{22} = p_2 + \frac{1}{1 - \lambda_2 + \lambda_2^2},$$

$$c_{12} = c_{21} = \frac{1}{2}(p_1 - p_2),$$

with  $p_1 = -h * (p + qr_1) / \{1 - h(p + qr_1) + h^2(p^2 + q^2) + 2pqh^2r_1\}$ ,

$$p_2 = -h * (p + qr_2) / \{1 - h(p + qr_2) + h^2(p^2 + q^2) + 2pqh^2r_2\}, r_1(\nu) = {}^2y_\nu / {}^1y_\nu, r_2(\nu) = {}^1y_\nu / {}^2y_\nu \quad (3.11)$$

Using Lemma [1,2], we have

### Theorem 1

If there exists the constant T such that  $\|\Pi_{i=m}^n S(r_1(i), r_2(i))\| \leq T$  for all  $m, n (m \leq n)$ , then  $\{\tilde{Z}_n\}$  stable.

### Numerical Example

Setting  $r_1 = r_2 = 1$  or  $r_1 = r_2 = -1$  in (3.11), we compute the following differential equation  $\dot{Y} = AY$  with

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -550.5 & q \\ q & -500.5 \end{pmatrix}, Y(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The datas are the absolute error of numerical solution with step size  $h = 1$

x		1	3	
q=0	${}^1y_n$	0	0	
	${}^2y_n$	0.796E-5	0.126E-6	
q=1	${}^1y_n$	0.210E+1	0.158E-4	
	${}^2y_n$	0.210E+1	0.158E-4	
x		1	3	5
q=50	${}^1y_n$	0.121E+3	0.487E-1	0.195E-4
	${}^2y_n$	0.121E+3	0.487E-1	0.195E-4
q=499.5	${}^1y_n$	0.332E+7	0.366E+6	0.540E+1
	${}^2y_n$	0.332E+7	0.366E+6	0.540E+1

$$\lambda_1 = -500.5 + q, \lambda_2 = -500.5 - q.$$

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